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OPTICAL DEVICES IN SILICA-
BASED GLASS USING
FEMTOSECOND PULSE
LASERS

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY

In the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency mailed 08/18/2004, the Office of Patent Publication/Publishing Division states that “[t]he drawings filed 01/11/2002 have been received,” and calls attention to an inconsistency between the drawings and the specification. The drawings attached hereto correct that inconsistency—however, the attached drawings are not corrected drawings, but are a copy of the drawings as originally submitted with the application on 09/17/2001, the date of filing. Accordingly, the attached drawings are not marked as corrected drawings.

Applicants responded to the issue of drawing inconsistency once before. As noted in the Remarks section of the Reply mailed 03/02/2004, “neither Applicant’s in-house agent nor outside counsel has any record of a second set of drawings submitted in the present application. . . . The correct drawings for the present application are those submitted with the application on September 17, 2001, and that appear in the published application (US 2002/0076655).” In response to the above-quoted Reply, the Examiner issued a Notice of Allowability indicating that “[t]he drawings filed on 17 September 2001 are accepted.” The drawings attached hereto are a copy of those filed on 17 September 2001 and are thus believed to be acceptable.


Although correction is requested for figures 2A-B and 11A-D only, for avoidance of misunderstanding, a copy of the complete set of figures, as originally filed, is attached. Reunion of the original figures with the application is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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<p><u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8:</u> I hereby certify that this paper and any papers referred to herein are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service, as first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner of Patent, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on <u>13 July 2005</u>. Date of Deposit</p> <p> Signature <u>Gregory V Bean</u></p>
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